Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want only some idea about the provisions.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Action is taken under the Code for using obscene language and gestures, for taking away one's clothes, etc. For any other imaginary thing action is taken and I do not think any country has ever thought of making a legislation on this account.

Prosecutions for cruelty to animal.

325. Rao Bahadur Mr. P. I. Varugis.— Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) how many prosecutions there have been for cruelty to animals within the last five years;

(2) whether Government is satisfied that the law with regard to this matter is being properly enforced;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the negative, what steps they propose to take to remedy the defect?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) 7.

(2) Government are not in possession of facts to show otherwise;

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (2).

Judicial Appointments.

326. Rao Bahadur Mr. P. I. Varugis.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection, if so, what, to give the Chief Court the power:—

(i) to nominate District Munsiffs; and

(ii) to appoint all the higher ministerial servants of the Judicial Department?

T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(i and ii) The Chief Court is already consulted in making Judicial appointments.

Offences—Police.

327. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the statistics of the last three years, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of offences brought to the notice of the Police, but could not be charge-sheeted with the names of the respective stations and Inspectors;

(b) how many of (a) murder and grievous hurt;

(c) of the charge-sheeted in (a) how many terminated in conviction and acquittal in the court;

(d) how many of (c) murder and grievous hurt?

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